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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in all regions. The trade sentiment was usually steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets ranged light to good and was best where features were planned for next week. Supplies were sufficient to at times ample for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were generally adequate to fully adequate and demand ranged light to instances good. Light type hens were mostly fully sufficient for normal processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate, somewhat better where features were present. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were normal to overtime. Light type hens were mostly fully adequate for the slow to fair demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged entering the weekend. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate, better where promotions were either planned or in progress for the upcoming week. Supplies were adequate to available for present requirements.

MIDWEST Prices in all reported areas unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with some improvement noted. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample with the larger sizes in the best position. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offers of heavy nest run product about adequate with lighter weight products more available. Graded loose extra large and large shell egg offers from spot locations continue to move to some breaking channels. Finished product demand moderate to instances good. Schedules full-time to over-time. Floor stocks fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where features are a factor. Supplies adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices ended the week unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was usually steady entering the weekend. Asking prices for the upcoming week were generally trending unchanged on sizes. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for full trade needs. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for usually adequate supplies. Light type hens were mostly fully adequate for the slow to fair demand.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings adequate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	87-89	76-78	66-68
New York	50-54	48-52	44-48
Philadelphia	48-53	47-51	43-47
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	40-47	38-43	34-39
Jackson (1)	51-53	48-50	44-46
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	49-59	46-56	42-52
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	41-45	39-43	33-37
Detroit (2)	37-42	36-41	33-37
Major Ohio Cities (2)	39-43	38-41	31-35
Major Wisconsin Cities	40-47	39-45	33-38
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	59-64	56-59	52-55
Southern California (Grade AA)(4)	63-69	61-64	56-58
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	79	74	69

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices
(4) - Prices to Retailers

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand slowed to mainly moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 49. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 2 for \$3, buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 89, extra large 20 pack 99-169, 3 for \$5, large dozen 99, 18 pack 99.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	82
EXTRA LARGE	79
LARGE	74
MEDIUM	69

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	65-74
EXTRA LARGE	63-69
LARGE	61-64
MEDIUM	56-58

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	239-299
EXTRA LARGE	229-279
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	179-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices unchanged. Offers of heavy nest run product about adequate with lighter weight product more available. Graded loose extra large and large shell egg offers from spot locations continue to move to some breakers. Finished product demand moderate to instances good. Schedules full-time to overtime. Floor stocks fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	27-29
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-16
CENTRAL STATES AREA:	
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI	

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week's trading. The market tone was generally steady to occasionally fully steady as traders continue to watch market developments. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were usually adequate for normal to overtime breaking schedules. Cases broken in the Eastern region under federal inspection were about unchanged from the previous week, although 4 percent less than the same week last year. PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	26-30	27-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-18	
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E -04-May-02 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,253,233	28,603	12,650	6,943	3,196	4,304
PW	1,223,244	29,091	11,615	6,217	2,877	4,341
LY	1,230,921	27,008	13,284	6,902	2,935	4,313
% PW	2	-2	9	12	11	-1
% LY	2	6	-5	1	9	0
2002	20,618,470	476,916	204,537	109,907	48,953	74,214
2001	19,955,248	452,276	203,099	110,675	42,685	72,046
% CHG YTD	3	5	1	-1	15	3
	CURRENT WEEK		PREVIOUS WEEK		LAST YEAR	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -						
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.89		41.91		41.84	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.46		38.36		38.34	

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 60 to 61 cents f.o.b. and no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was generally steady on all liquid products with yolk in the strongest position. Demand was good for whole egg and yolk, moderate for whites with an improved undertone noted by most buyers and sellers. Offerings of all products were adequate for current needs. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower from last week's reported prices. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 10 May, 2002 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	30	26.5-28	27.40	-.15
WHITES	9	9.5-15.5	11.78	.15
YOLKS	5	59-61	60.20	.03

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices remained unchanged when compared to previous week's trading. The market tone was mixed on yolks, but ranged mostly steady to fully steady and the remainder of items were steady. Trading and demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate for current trade requirements. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending May 04, 2002 were 3% higher than the previous week and 6% more than a year ago.

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	37-45	41-42	49-53
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		64-85
WHITES	22-32	22-25	27-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	70-74	71-73	77-82
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-70	66-69	73-78
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg values ranged unchanged with mostly values on the balance of frozen products unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites with sugar and salt yolk steady to instances fully steady. Offerings were mostly hand to mouth and held with more confidence than previously noted. Demand was rated as seasonally moderate. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate with prices unchanged to slightly lower when compared to last week's reported prices. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	41-42	
WHITES	22-32	22-25
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	70-74	71-73
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-69	67-69

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 5/4 was 3% more than the previous week. Frozen demand fair and freezer stocks adequate. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS) LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	48-51
WHITES	28-31
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	77-80
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	73-76

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were unchanged on yolk and balance of items were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to last week's trading. The market tone ranged from about steady to steady. Buyer interest continued to develop for long term deliveries, however sellers were very cautious for fourth quarter orders. Offerings were adequate to available for current trade needs. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending May 04, 2002 were 11% more than the previous week and 9% higher than the same week last year. The overall total dried egg year to date change was 15% more than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.	
WHOLE	1.41-1.65 MOSTLY 1.49-1.55
YOLKS	1.59-1.90 MOSTLY 1.70-1.80
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.70-2.05 MOSTLY 1.72-1.85
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.12-1.25 MOSTLY 1.12-1.15

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 03, 2002-MAY 09, 2002

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS								
73.00								59.50								132.50								
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW				
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	23.67	27.00		24.70	26.00		31.25	32.00	16.00	GNR W 1	—	34.00	—	—	—	—	GNR W 1	—	34.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 2	—	—		—	—		—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	52.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 3	—	—		—	—		—	—	1.00	GL W XL	34.39	37.53	—	—	—	41.33	GL W XL	34.39	37.53	—	—	—	16.25	
GNR W 4	—	—		—	—		24.00	26.00	1.00	GL W LG	33.38	35.00	—	—	—	39.82	GL W LG	33.38	35.00	—	—	—	10.00	
GNR BR 1	—	—		—	—		—	—	1.00	GL W MD	28.25	—	—	—	—	31.38	GL W MD	28.25	—	—	—	—	11.00	
GL W J	—	—		—	—		40.00	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	26.67	29.00	—	—	—	—	NRBS - 48	26.67	29.00	—	—	—	3.00	
GL W XL	32.00	35.44		31.90	34.21		33.00	45.00	42.25	NRBS - 45	26.00	29.00	—	—	26.75	29.00	NRBS - 45	26.00	29.00	—	—	26.75	6.00	
GL W LG	30.00	33.04		29.33	32.19		30.60	—	19.25	NRBS - 42	18.00	—	—	—	—	—	NRBS - 42	18.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL W MD	—	32.13		30.23	26.00		23.83	26.75	13.75															
GL W SM	—	—		21.00	22.00		20.50	21.33	3.50															
NRBS - 50	—	30.00		25.85	26.00		—	29.00	4.25															
NRBS - 48	26.00	27.67		—	28.00		31.07	28.41	40.50															
NRBS - 45	24.50	26.00		—	25.50		25.00	—	5.25															
NRBS - 42	—	—		—	—		—	23.00	1.00															
NRBS - 39	—	—		16.00	18.00		17.50	18.00	3.50															

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was slow to fair for the mostly fully adequate offerings. Processings schedules were normal. Sales of finished product continued to clear the availability of product. The undertone was steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings fully adequate to instances ample for the moderate demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was light and too few to report. Offerings easily satisfied a slow demand for raw materials. Schedules were reduced but at least adequate for a fair demand for finished product. Trade sentiment was only steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked full schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 10-May-02 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	51.63	49.75	45.75
SOUTHERN	48.57	45.57	41.56
MIDWEST	41.70	40.12	34.49
WESTERN	69.92	65.90	60.76
TWELVE METRO AREAS	55.69	53.01	48.16

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged on the heavy canner; unchanged to slightly lower on the lights when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand fair but unaggressive. The undertone was generally steady with some caution noted.

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, W/O FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
21.5-25.5 MAJORITY 22-22.5	31-38 MAJORITY 31-31.5

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
22-27.5 MAJORITY 23.5-24	32-40 MAJORITY 33-33.5

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 30-Apr-02

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,948	1,368	3,316
LAST WEEK	1,910	1,417	3,327
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,791	1,396	3,187
TO-DATE/2002	31,087	22,133	53,220
TO-DATE/2001	31,505	22,411	53,916

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	378	0	378
LAST WEEK	129	0	129
SAME WEEK YR AGO	410	23	433
TO-DATE/2002	5,454	20	5,474
TO-DATE/2001	8,564	148	8,712

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,326	1,368	3,694
LAST WEEK	2,039	1,417	3,456
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,201	1,419	3,620
TO-DATE/2002	36,541	22,153	58,694
TO-DATE/2001	40,069	22,559	62,628

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Apr 27, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	503	243	6,014	3,576
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	8	22
Total	503	243	6,022	3,598

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Apr 27, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	137	56	1,699	1,572
Frozen	37	57	1,236	563
Dried	123	23	1,243	226
Total	297	136	4,178	2,361

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Apr 27, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	678	0	1,028	87
Extra Large	960	720	3,258	10,116
Large	3,810	2,290	23,647	32,175
Medium	0	1,080	16,125	13,348
Ungraded	11,520	6,720	61,500	72,584
Misc	0	3,041	10,204	15,328
Total	16,968	13,851	115,762	143,638

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS). CENTS PER DOZEN

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
20-23	14-18	6-9

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	68-71	57-60	47-50	25-28

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
43-53	36-40	34-39	30-34	23-27

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 6-May-02	1,866	192,567	73,974
AM 1-Apr-02	1,480	164,226	77,627
CHG	386	28341	-3653
PCT CHG	26	17	-5

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of March, 2002 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on May 1, 2002 are:

FROZEN EGGS	14	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.00 PCT
TURKS	409	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.00 PCT
POP	736	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.00 PCT

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 04-May-02

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	19.6	20.3	-3	0
BOSTON	3.6	3.5	3	-8
CHICAGO	42.2	42.3	0	-14
DETROIT	29.7	24.9	19	16
KANSAS CITY	6.2	2.9	114	114
LOS ANGELES	83.2	83.9	-1	-28
NEW ORLEANS	9.8	10.5	-7	33
NEW YORK	33.4	32.1	4	-11
ST. LOUIS	18.6	19.1	-3	-1
SAN FRANCISCO	21.5	21.6	0	2
TOTAL	267.8	261.1	3	-11
4 WK MVG AVG	262.0			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 04-May-02

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	218.3	-1	2
E.N. CENTRAL	446.1	-3	-4
W.N. CENTRAL	242.7	0	-12
S. ATLANTIC	123.9	-27	-9
S. CENTRAL	62.7	-22	2
WEST	153.8	-14	-18
TOTAL	1247.5	-7	-7
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		89	88

***** NOTE *****

AREAS COVERED:

NORTH ATLANTIC (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)

EAST NORTH CENTRAL (WI, IL,MI,OH,IN)

WEST NORTH CENTRAL (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

SOUTH ATLANTIC (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL)

SOUTH CENTRAL(TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

WEST (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, MAY 07, 2002.

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	101	90	80	58
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	94-98	83-87	74-78	51-55
MOSTLY	96-97	85-86	76-77	53-54
RHODE ISLAND	101-104	90-93	80-83	58-61
MOSTLY	104	93	83	61
VERMONT	105-108	95-97	83-85	-
MOSTLY	108	97	85	-

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